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Calgary and the Gold Fields

THE unprecedented interest that is being taken in the gold fields of the Yukon, and the thousands of enquiries that have been received by the business men of Calgary from those who intend to go into the gold country by way of Calgary in the spring of 1898, has created the necessity for having all desirable information laid before those interested, in the most concise manner possible, and it is with this object that this booklet is published.

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The City of Calgary.

(THE STARTING POINT)

Calgary might fairly be said to be "on the map." The city is situated in the foot-hills of the Rocky Mountains and is the principal railway centre in Alberta. It is on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and trains pass through both east and west every day. There is also a tri-weekly train service to Edmonton in the north and to the south. The business houses of Calgary are reliable and fully up to date. You can get outfitted in Calgary more cheaply than you can bring goods into the country and all trouble, as regards freight and duty, is avoided; also delay through having to wait for goods to arrive. Freight trains are tedious, and time is money when you are on the road to the gold country

where the season is short. Besides being a railway centre, Calgary is in the very heart of the ranching country, and travellers can get here whatever they may require in the way of pack horses. The price now (Feb. 1898) for pack horses varies from $15.00 to $45.00 each. A good pack horse should carry 200 lbs., with ease, or draw 600 lbs. on a flat sled. Groceries, clothing, hardware, saddlery, tents and sleeping bags can be had here in any quantities.

The Routes.

From Calgary to Dawson City by way of the Peace River and Pelly River it is about 1562 miles.

From Calgary to Dawson City by way of the McKenzie River, Porcupine River and Yukon River it is

about 2616 miles and nearly all down stream. This is a cheap ronte, a safe route and an easy route.

From Calgary to Dawson City by way of the Athabasca River, Liard River and Pelly River it is about 3245 miles.

The great thing in favor of these several routes is the fact, that as soon as you get a short distance beyond Edmonton you are in a gold bearing country and it is expected that some rich strikes will be made on the Peace, the Peel, the Liard and the Pelly before the end of the year. All the streams flowing through the rich Omenica country drain into the Peace and carry gold. Large sums have been washed out by the few who have already prospected some of the placers of that great district.

Tables of Distances.

Calgary to the Yukon via the Mckenzie river route.

		MILES
Calgary to Edmonton	About	192
Edmonton to Athabasca Landing	"	90
Athabasca Landing to Grand Rapids	"	167
Grand Rapids to Fort McMurray	"	87
Fort McMurray to Smith's Landing	"	287
Smith's Landing to Fort Smith	"	16
Fort Smith to Fort Resolution	"	190
Fort Resolution to Fort Providence	"	167
Fort Providence to Fort Simpson	"	157
Fort Simpson to Fort Wrigley	"	134
Fort Wrigley to Fort Norman	"	180
Fort Norman to Fort Good Hope	"	169
Fort Good Hope to Fort Macpherson	"	274
Fort Macpherson to La Pierre's House	"	60
La Pierre's House to the Porcupine	"	20
Porcupine to the Yukon	"	400
Total		2.616

PEACE-LIARD ROUTE.

Calgary to Edmonton	About	192
Edmonton to Peace River Crossing	"	260
Peace River to Nelson Forks	"	240
Down Nelson to Junction with Liard	"	120
Up Liard to Dease River	"	160
Dease River to Pelly River	"	170
Pelly River to the Junction with Lewes	"	220
Lewes River to Klondyke	"	200
Total		1562

A Miner's Outfit.

Estimated requirements for one man for one year.

PROVISIONS

Apples, evaporated	20	lbs.
Apricots, evaporated	15	"
Bacon	200	"
Baking Powder	10	"
Barley, pot	10	"
Beans	100	"
Beef extract	1	doz.
Candles	25	lbs.
Coffee	10	"
Corn Meal	20	"
Flour	500	"
Lime Juice	1	gal.
Matches	5	boxes
Milk, condensed	1	doz.
Mustard	1	lb.
Oats, rolled	50	"
Peas, split	10	"
Pepper	1	"
Prunes	10	"
Rice	25	"
Salt	20	"
Soap	10	"
Soda, baking	2	"
Sugar	75	"
Tea, compressed	10	"
Tobacco, smoking	10	"
Vegetables, compressed	12	"
Yeast Cakes	3	doz.

CLOTHING

Blankets	pairs
Cap, cloth	1 only
Cap, fur	1 "
Coats, corduroy lined or buckskin	1 "
" oilskin	1 "
Dunnage Bag	1 "
Gloves, skin	1 pair
" wool	1 "
Handkerchiefs, colored	1 doz
Mitts, leather	1 pair
" wool	2 "
Mosquito Netting	10 yds
Overalls	2 pairs
Pants, moleskin	1 pair
Sheet, ground	1 only
Shirts, flannel	3 "
" mackinaw	1 "
Socks, wool	12 pairs
Suspenders	1 "
Sweaters	2 only
Towels	1 doz
Underwear	3 suits

FOOTWEAR

Boots, laced	2 pair
" rubber	1 "
Duffles	2 "
Moccasins	3 "
Socks, long Arctic	2 "
Snowshoes	1 "

SADDLERY

Improved Sleeping Bags.....
Pack or Prospectors Bags.....
Klondyke Harness, for dogs or horses....

Tents, Bed Sheets.....
Sleigh Covers, Pack Covers.....
Pack Saddle Bags, Pack Saddles.....
Riding Saddles.....
Money Belts, Cartridge Belts .....
Revolver Holsters, Axe Sheathes .....
Quantity of Saddlery can be determined by number of horses taken.

HARDWARE

Hardware outfit sufficient for six men for one year.

Miners Shovels.....	6 only
Miners Picks and Handles.....	6 "
Chopping Axes "	2 "
Foot Adze "	1 "
Hatchets "	2 "
Whip Saw "	1 "
Cross Cut Saw "	1 "
Hand Saw.....	1 "
Rip Saw.....	1 "
Hammer	1 "
Brace	1 "
Bits	1 set
Screw Driver	1 only
Augers, assorted	3 "
Chisels "	3 "
Draw Knife	1 "
Jack Plane	1 "
Steel Square.....	1 "
Spirit Level.....	1 "
Tape Line, metallic	1 "
Files, assorted, flat and Taper	6 "
Chalk Line	1 "
Grindstone	1 "
Oil Stone.....	1 "

Copper Wire, assorted	3 lbs
Pulley Blocks	1 set
Grizzly Irons	1 "
Caulking Iron	1 only
Gold Pans, No. 1 quality	6 "
Gold Scales	1 pair
Magnifying Glasses, good	6 only
Compasses, reliable	6 "
Quicksilver	4 lbs
Chamois Skin	1 only
Steel Camp Stove	1 "
Nest Granite Camp Kettles	4 "
Coffee or Tea Pot	1 "
Tin Plates	6 "
Tin Cups	6 "
Fry Pans	2 "
Dutch Oven	1 "
Washbasins	2 "
Knives and Forks	6 "
Spoons, assorted	12 "
Knives, butcher	2 "
" sheath	6 "
" heavy pocket	6 "
Scissors	2 pair
Soldering Outfit	
Guns	
Rifles	
Revolvers	
Ammunition	
Snow Glasses	
Fishing Tackle	
Blasting Powder	
Fuse	
Quantity of Nails and Screws	
Rope	
Oakum	
Pitch	

For parties the cost per man can be diminished according to numbers, as several of the articles can be used in common.

Those going in parties are recommended to send someone in advance to Calgary or write to either of the undersigned, which will save time and expense in making preparations and purchasing outfits :

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MEMORANDUM